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SUBJECT: GREEK-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT: DRAFT
COMMUNIQUE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO CONCLUDING ROUND

REF: STATE 169898 (DTG 202318Z JUL 77)

1. CHARGE MET WITH CHRYSOSPATIS AS PLANNED JULY 21 TO DISCUSS
THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FINAL
PUBLIC NEGOTIATING ROUND LATER THIS MONTH.

2. TIMING: AFTER CHARGE ARGUED FOR HAVING THE FINAL ROUND
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ON JULY 25, CHRYSOSPATIS COUNTERED THAT THE EARLIEST HIS
GOVERNMENT COULD AGREE TO HOLD IT WOULD BE JULY 28 WHICH,
AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, WAS A FIRM COMMITMENT. NO EARLIER
DATE WAS POSSIBLE OR, IN VIEW OF THE FLAP REGARDING AMBASSADOR-
DESIGNATE SCHAUFLE'S STATEMENTS, DESIRABLE.

3. COMMUNIQUE: AFTER READING THE REVISED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

WE ARE PROPOSING, CHRYSOSPATIS COMMENTED THAT DRAFT COMMUNIQUE HAD BECOME LONGER AND MORE DETAILED THAN WE HAD MUTUALLY FORESEEN IN EARLIER DISCUSSIONS. HE ASKED WHETHER IT WAS REALLY NECESSARY TO INCLUDE SUCH A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE AGREEMENT CONTAINED AND WHAT ITS PURPOSE WAS. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT THE APRIL 15, 1976, AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES CONTAINED ALL THIS INFORMATION WHICH, THEREFORE, WAS ALREADY A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. (HE GAVE CHRYSOSPATIS A COPY OF DEPARTMENT'S PRESS RELEASE NO. 180 OF THAT DATE.) HE ADDED THAT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ADD SOMEWHAT MORE SUBSTANCE TO THE COMMUNIQUE THAN PROPOSED IN ORIGINAL DRAFT. CHRYSOSPATIS SAID HE WOULD SUBMIT OUR PROPOSAL DRAFT TO FOREIGN MINISTER AND GET WORD BACK TO US SOON REGARDING ITS ACCEPTABILITY, HOPEFULLY BY TOMORROW, JULY 22.

4. PREANNOUNCEMENT: CHARGE MADE STRONG PITCH FOR ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONCLUDING ROUND, SAYING THAT WE FELT IT WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE SHORT CONCLUDING ROUND CREDIBLE. CHRYSOSPATIS RESPONDED THAT, AS HE HAD TOLD US BEFORE, HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW IS THAT WE SHOULD NOT ISSUE SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE FINAL ROUND. SINCE PARAGRAPH ONE OF OUR PROPOSED COMMUNIQUE CLEARLY STATES THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS ON THE SUBJECT SINCE THE LAST NEGOTIATING ROUND RECESSED, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TO READERS OF THE COMMUNIQUE THAT THE "FINAL ROUND" DREW UPON AND FORMALIZED WORK PREVIOUSLY DONE AT THE DIPLOMATIC LEVEL. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT
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CHRYSOSPATIS WOULD NOT BACK DOWN ON THIS MATTER, CHARGE SAID THAT IN ORDER TO DISPEL SUSPICIONS AND MAINTAIN OUR CREDIBILITY, WE WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLICLY THAT WE ANTICIPATE A CONCLUDING ROUND SOON IF SUCH A QUESTION SHOULD BE ASKED. OUR SIDE HAD ALWAYS RESPECTED GOG'S DESIRE TO MINIMIZE PUBLICITY ABOUT DCA DISCUSSIONS AND EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON NOT INSIST ON ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE FACE OF GOG OBJECTIONS, BUT GOG SHOULD UNDERSTAND OUR REQUIREMENT NOT TO GIVE PRESS OR PUBLIC THE IMPRESSION WE WERE DISSEMBLING IN THIS MATTER. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THE MOST WE CAN NOW EXPECT IS FOR THE GREEKS TO HONOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLICLY THAT THE FINAL ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE NEW AGREEMENT HAD BEEN INITIALED. THIS WOULD BE DONE THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF A COMMUNIQUE ON JULY 28.)

5. SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW TOMORROW REPORTING RESULTS OF WORKING GROUP REVIEW OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXTS. IF WASHINGTON ACTION IS REQUIRED, YOU CAN ANTICIPATE A REQUEST FOR RESPONSE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS TUESDAY, JULY 26.
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